

Proceed Resolutely to Overcome the Present
Difficult Situation
Naval Minister SHIMADA States
Strengthening of Cooperation of the Army and Navy

[Tokyo ASAHI]

The newly appointed Naval Minister SHIMADA, after the first Cabinet Meeting on the 18th, stated as follows in an interview with the press men in the Minister's room at the Navy Dept.

"At this very important time, I am appointed Minister of Navy. I am firmly determined to devote myself wholly to His Majesty with my deepest respect and advance straightly and zealously to fulfil my great responsibility, exerting myself to the utmost. In order to accomplish this, I am resolved to have the Army and the Navy cooperate more closely, and to realize a powerful cooperative system through the united efforts of the Military, the Government and the people, and thus I will put forth all my energy to overcome the present difficult situation."

Profiles of the New Cabinet Colleagues.

Bright, amicable and at the same time a man of compassion,
Naval Minister SHIMADA

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They say "Minister, Admiral". The new Naval Minister SHIMADA was promoted to the rank of Admiral last November, and was crowned with the highest honour awarded a military man, and now he is appointed the Minister of Navy. Needless to say, it must be a great joy to any man, however eccentric, to become a minister. But more than that, he must "form his resolution for his lifetime". To become a member of TOJO's "Historical Cabinet" especially in the case of the Naval Minister, although the people need not venture to inquire into the heart of Naval Minister SHIMADA, we hope that he will firmly engrave on his mind that his 'determination' is, namely, the 'determination' of the one hundred million people.

The Naval Minister graduated from the Naval Academy in November, 1904, when the Russo-Japanese War was at its height. The class that graduated at that time has now become a famous "class" in the Imperial Navy. That is because there are C in C of the Combined Fleet, Admiral YAMAMOTO, Isoroku, on the front far out on the sea, and the two Admirals, ex-Naval Minister YOSHIDA, Zengo, and the former Commander-in-Chief of the Yokosuka Naval station SHIOZAWA, Koichi, both now at the Headquarters, as Supreme War Councillors.

The new Naval Minister gained fame as the Fleet Chief Staff in the past Shanghai Incident, and in the early stage of the present China Incident, was Vice Chief of the Naval General Staff and then successively Commander-in-

Chief of the 2nd Fleet, C in C of Kure Naval Station and from last May till last month was Commander-in-Chief of the China area Fleet and commanded the Naval Units operating on the sea and the sky of the Continent. Then, he was transferred to Yokosuka Naval station as Commander-in-Chief, which career makes us imagine a man with features so fierce as would frighten the devils themselves, but the Naval Minister is the possessor of a perfectly happy and prosperous countenance and is of a cheerful disposition. On this point, we might say that he is rather unbecoming to hold the Naval Portfolio of this Historical Cabinet.

There are many episodes of the new Naval Minister as "a man of compassion", but it seems that most people have not heard of those episodes as they have always been kept strictly secret. However, in spite of the Naval Minister being such a compassionate man, Heaven is merciless on him. His father died when he was in Italy as a military attache to the embassy during World War I, and his mother also died this spring when he was in China. The dutiful and obedient Admiral must be filled with deep emotion on being appointed Minister of Navy, but now a storm is raging over the world and the waves are high in the Pacific. We believe and expect that the so-called "Admiral of compassion" will be a Naval Minister of 'power' and of 'decision'.

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東朝

時艱突破に邁進

嶋田海相 陸海軍協力強化

嶋田新海相は十月初閣議後海軍省大臣室で記者団と
會見左の如く語った

極めて重大なるこの時局に際し海軍大臣を拝命
しました。寔々匪躬力を盡して重責の遂行に
銳意邁進する所、決意をしておます。そのために
は陸海軍の協力を一層緊密ならしめ軍官民
一体となつて強固な協力体制も實現し、
時艱突破に渾身の力を致したい覺悟で
あります

新閣僚の積願

(上)

明朗が一圓満

同時に情の人 嶋田海相

世に「大臣大將」といふ嶋田新海相は、昨年十一月に
海軍大將に榮進し武人最高、面目に輝いたは
かりであるのに、こゝでは海軍大臣である、人間と生
小て大臣になることは、どんな変り者にとつても喜
びであることはいふまでもないが、それより「人間」
生る決心をしなければならぬ。
東條「史的內閣」の閣僚に列すること、
に海軍大臣の場合、國民は敢て嶋田海相の

胸の中を噴ゆるまじりないが、たゞ新海相の「決心」は、
すなはち一億國民の「決心」であることとし、かり
新海相の銘記としていたのである。

海相が兵學校を卒業したのは明治三十二年十月、
日露の戦火はけしき最中であつた。このときのこと
は、今日帝國海軍で有名な「ウラエ」になつてゐる。
洋上第一線に聯合艦隊司令長官山本五十六大將
がおり中央部には軍事參議官として前海相の
吉田善吾、前横鎮長官の塩澤幸一兩大將がゐ
るからだ。

新海相は前の上海事変に艦隊參謀長として
令名をあげ、二んどの支那事変の初期には軍令
部次長、次いで第二艦隊司令長官、吳鎮守府
司令長官として昨年五月から先月まで支那方面
艦隊司令長官として大陸の海、空に作戦する海
軍部隊を統率してゐた。そして横須賀鎮守

府司令長官に轉じたこの経歴をみるといへば、
鬼をいひぐ風貌を想はせるが、海相は實に
福德門両舌頭をしてゐる。そして明朗である。この奥
は「史的肉體」の椅子にふさはしくなつてゐる。

新海相には「情」人としての揮毫が多いが常
にかたく収められてあまり表に出てゐないやうだ。
しつとつとつとした人情海相たちの天はまはめて
「世情」である。海相が第一次歐洲大戰中、大

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使館附武官としてイタリヤに駐在中、殿父が長逝
し、そしてまた母堂は、今春海相が、文部にあつた
き逝りと、海相となつて、孝に深き提督は、さ
に思ふ新たなるものがあらうが、いまや、世界は暴
風の中にあり、太平洋の波浪は高いわいらだ。
「人情提督」が「力」と「断」の海相たるべきこと
を確信しまた期待してゐるのだ

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